

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of November 10, 2009 is gratefully acknowledged.

The drawings have been objected to. Specifically, reference numerals "33" and "45" have, according to the examiner been used more than once. Regarding reference numeral "45", Figs. 1 and 2 have been corrected and REPLACEMENT SHEETS submitted. Regarding reference numeral "33", applicant cannot find the duplicate usage noted by the examiner. Fig. 6 does not have the reference numeral "33" shown. Clarification is requested.

The specification has been objected to because of the incorrect use of the reference numeral "33" on page 9, line 6. In reply, the specification has been amended to correct this error.

Claims 19 - 36 have been examined, with claims 19 and 21 objected too, claims 25 and 26 also objected to but indicated as containing allowable subject matter, claims 29 - 32 rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as indefinite, claims 19, 21, 23 and 24 rejected under 35 USC 102(b) by Rowland et al, claims 19, 21 - 23 and 27 rejected under 35 USC 102(b) by Griffins et al, and claims 28 and 33 - 36 rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Muller.

In reply, claims 19 and 21 have been amended to overcome the noted objection and claim 29 amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection. In addition, claims 25 and 26 have been rewritten in independent form as new claims 37 and 38. Claims 37 and 38 are, therefore, in prima facie condition for allowance.

There remains for consideration, the rejections based upon 35 USC 102 and 103. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

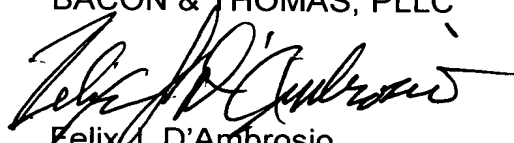
Claim 19, the independent claim which has been rejected under both 35 USC

102 and 35 USC 103, recites a "rotation-locking connection" which cannot be found in any of the references of record. The rotation-locking connection can be seen as components (31,65) in the specification and drawings. This connection is separate and apart from the locking lugs. Without a teaching of the "rotation-locking connection" claim 19, and the claims which depend therefrom cannot, it is respectfully submitted, be anticipated (35 USC 102) or rendered obvious (35 USC 103) by any of the references of record, however combined.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested and claims 19 - 24 and 27 - 36 found allowable along with claims 37 and 38.

Date: March 31, 2010

Respectfully submitted,
BACON & THOMAS, PLLC



Felix D'Ambrosio
Attorney for Applicant

Registration Number 25,721

Customer Number *23364*
BACON & THOMAS, PLLC
625 Slaters Lane, Fourth Floor
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
Telephone: (703) 683-0500
Facsimile: (703) 683-1080

S:\Producer\jfd\CLIENTS\Driss PATENTANWALTE\BEHN3001\Response of March 31, 2010.wpd